WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A moving picture playback method of playing back a moving picture including a plurality of frames comprising:

    forming a first window based on a predetermined software;

    forming a second window as a child window of the first window on the first window;

    forming a third window as a child window of the second window;

    setting a shape of each of the frames of the moving picture on the second window; and

    drawing color information of the frame having the shape set on the second window on the third window.

2. A method according to claim 1, which includes setting the shape again after pause in the playback.

3. A method according to claim 1, which includes drawing the first window again after setting of the shape of the frame.

4. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first window includes characters and/or a still picture.

5. A moving picture playback apparatus which plays back a moving picture including a plurality of frames comprising:

    an input device configured to input shape information and color information of the moving picture

every frame;

a window system configured to generate a first window based on a software, a second window corresponding to a child window of the first window and superimposed on the first window and a third window corresponding to a child window of the second window;

a shape setting device configured to set a shape of each of the frames of the moving picture on the second window;

a drawing device configured to draw on the third window a picture of the frame having the shape set on the second window; and

a controller which controls the shape setting device and the drawing device according to a message from the window system to set the shape of each frame on the second window and draw the color information of the frame on the third window.

6. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein in playing back the moving picture the controller instructs the shape setting device to set the shape and then instructs the drawing device to draw the color information of the frame according to the message from the window system.

7. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein in pausing in the playback the controller instructs the shape setting device to set the shape and then instructs the drawing device to draw the picture of

the frame without waiting the message from the window
system.

8. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein
the setting device instructs the window system to draw
the first window again after setting of the shape.

9. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the
controller calculates, as a coordinate of a upper left
corner of the third window, a relativity coordinate
relative to a coordinate of a upper left corner of
the second window, and uses this relativity coordinate
as a reference coordinate for setting the moving
picture shape on the second window.

10. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein
the input device generates encoded moving picture data
including the shape information and color information,
and which further includes a moving picture decoder
configured to decode the encoded moving picture data
and input the shape information and the color
information to the shape setting device and the drawing
device respectively.

11. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein
the shape setting device sends an instruction to
the window system and sets the shape based on the shape
information on the second window designated by the
controller according to the message from the window
system.

12. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein

a plug-in software of a predetermined software having
the first window instructs generating of the third
window to the window system.

13. A moving picture playback program recorded on
a computer readable medium, the program including:

means for instructing a computer to form a first
window;

means for instructing the computer to form
a second window as a child window of the first window
on the first window;

means for instructing the computer to form a third
window as a child window of the second window;

means for instructing the computer to set a shape
of each of the frames of the moving picture on the
second window; and

means for instructing the computer to draw on
the third window color information of the frame having
the shape set on the second window.

14. A program according to claim 13, which
includes means for instructing the computer to set
the shape again after pause in the playback.

15. A program according to claim 13, which
includes means for instructing the computer to draw
the first window again after setting of the shape of
the frame.

16. A moving picture playback program recorded on
a computer readable medium, the program including:

means for instructing a computer to input shape information and color information of the moving picture every frame;

means for instructing the computer to cause a window system to generate a first window based on a software, a second window corresponding to a child window of the first window and superimposed on the first window and a third window corresponding to a child window of the second window;

means for instructing the computer to set a shape of each of the frames of the moving picture on the second window; and

means for instructing the computer to draw on the third window the color information of the frame having the shape set on the second window.

17. A program according to claim 16, which includes means for instructing the computer in playing back the moving picture to set the shape to the shape setting device and then draw the color information of the frame according to a message of the window system.

18. A program according to claim 16, which includes means for instructing the computer in pausing in the playback to set the shape to the shape setting device and then draw the color information of the frame without waiting the message from the window system.

19. A program according to claim 16, which includes means for instructing the computer to draw

the first window again after setting of the shape.

20. A program according to claim 16, which
includes means for instructing the computer to
calculate, as a coordinate of a upper left corner of
the third window, a relativity coordinate relative to
a coordinate of a upper left corner of the second
window, and uses this relativity coordinate as
a reference coordinate for setting the moving picture
shape on the second window.